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DRABA PORSILDII **PORSILD'S DRABA**

Porsild's Draba is a low perennial with basal leaf clusters in loose tufts and few to many leafless stems that are 1-6 cm high, arising from the ends of a simple or branched rootcrown. The lance-shaped leaves are 3-12 mm long, have entire margins, and are covered with branched hairs. The stalked flowers are borne at the tops of the stems in nearly flat-topped inflorescences. Each flower has 4 separate sepals, 4 separate, white petals, and 4 long and 2 short stamens. The style is ca. 0.2 mm long. The glabrous, narrowly elliptic capsules are 4-8 mm long and are borne on ascending stalks that are 1-2 mm long. Flowering in July, fruiting in July-August.

DRABA LONCHOCARPA, a more common white-flowered species, has capsules that are usually greater than 8 mm long. A hand lens or microscope and technical key are needed for positive identification.